

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 23, 2004

FROM: VIRGINIA HASTINGS, Executive Director
Department of Public Health - Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA)

SUBJECT: MONO COUNTY EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA (EOA) PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the Governing Board of ICEMA, rescind its July 27, 2004, adoption of the Exclusive Operating Area Plan for Mono County and approve a revised Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) Plan for Mono County and submit the Plan to the State Emergency Medical Services Authority for final approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: ICEMA, as the local Emergency Medical Services Agency, for San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono Counties through a joint powers agreement, has the authority to create one or more exclusive operating areas consistent with provisions with Health and Safety Codes Section 1797.224. The purpose of the plan is to provide an integrated, coordinated emergency medical services system for the County of Mono that will assure the residents and visitors the ready availability and provision of high quality emergency medical services.

Several task force meetings have occurred in Mono County with representatives of all prehospital providers, the hospital, county legal counsel and administration. The Mono County Board of Supervisors unanimously took action at its June 15, 2004 meeting to recommend that ICEMA approve and adopt the EOA Plan for Mono County and submit the Plan to the State Emergency Medical Services Authority for final approval. ICEMA submitted the Plan to the ICEMA Governing Board, which approved it on July 27, 2004. Subsequently, Mono County has requested that the previously approved Plan be rescinded and that the attached Plan approved by Mono County Board of Supervisors on October 5, 2004, be approved and forwarded to the State Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). As noted in the Minute Order from the Mono County Board of Supervisors, available with the Clerk of the Board, a minor modification was made to clarify a term in the previously adopted Plan. In addition, a State EMS Authority Form, "Ambulance Operating Area Summary Form", has been added for each EOA, which is required as part of the plan.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Alan Green, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-5288) on November 9, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on November 10, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item will result in no local County Cost. The administrative costs associated with preparing and submitting the EOA plan for Mono County are minimal and involve what is normal and customary for ICEMA based on the JPA. The EOA plans for each member county are ICEMA's responsibility. All costs are funded with revenues from state grants. Sufficient appropriations and revenues are included in the FY 2004-2005 budget.

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COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval based upon the direction received by the Mono County Board of Supervisors on October 5, 2004.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All (Including Inyo and Mono Counties).

PRESENTER: Virginia Hastings, Executive Director, ICEMA, (909) 388-5830